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Mr. Ron Daniels  
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Dear Mr. Daniels:

Enclosed is a copy of an archaeological report, "Further Archaeological Investigations in Central Uintah County for TOSCO", conducted under the direction of Dr. Ray Matheny, Brigham Young University, submitted to your department to comply with regulations requiring archaeological clearance prior to surface disturbances of our State oil shale leases south of Vernal, Utah.

Sincerely,

*Joe M. Merino*

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Resident Manager  
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FURTHER ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS  
IN CENTRAL UTAH COUNTY FOR TOSCO

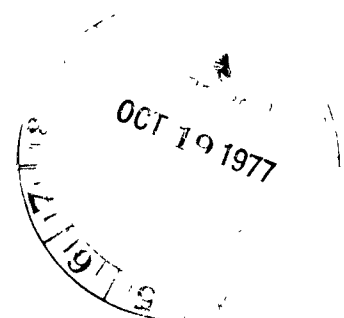
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A Special Report  
Department of Anthropology and Archaeology  
Brigham Young University

Submitted to:  
The Oil Shale Corporation  
Vernal, Utah

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On August 28, 1976 Terry Walker surveyed three areas in Uintah County near Sand Wash, for cultural resources. The survey was under the supervision of Dr. Ray T. Matheny of the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology, Brigham Young University. The author was escorted to the survey areas by Mr. Joe Merino of The Oil Shale Corporation (TOSCO) of Vernal, Utah.

The three areas surveyed are on land that is leased by TOSCO from the State of Utah to extract and process oil shale. The largest area surveyed is about ten acres in size and located in the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 2, Township 9 South, Range 21 East. This area is to be the site of a large shaft hole and several buildings. The other two areas surveyed are alternate sites for the shaft site and are located in the southeast corner of Section 25 and the southeast corner of Section 36, T. 8 S., R. 21 E.

The survey procedure used in the first area was an intensive survey in which the area was covered by transects that were ten to fifteen meters apart. The other two areas were 1) spot checked in the places that were most likely to contain sites and 2) criss-crossed several times.

At the suggestion of Dr. Matheny, this report does not contain a history of archaeological work in the area surveyed. This material can be found in the report by this same author (Walker 1976) of a survey in April 1976 for TOSCO in the same general area, however.

The result of the survey is that no archaeological sites nor isolated artifacts were found. Furthermore, because the area is bleak and contains

very little water and vegetation, it is unlikely that there is any archaeological material in this area. Since no new sites were found and there are no National Register sites nearby, the TOSCO project will have no effect on the cultural resources of the area.

#### REFERENCES

- Walker, J. Terry  
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